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Research	Language and Cognitive Development, Language Acquisition, Language Processing, Social Cognition, Visual Perception	
Education	2023 PhD, Psychology, University of Wisconsin-Madison Advisor: Jenny Saffran	
	2019 M.S., Psychology, University of Wisconsin – Madison	
	2017 B.S., Psychology, University of Central Florida Summa Cum Laude	
In Progress Journal Publications	Szelwach, A., Bacon, D. , & Malaret, S. (under review). The effects of high impact practices integrated in a leadership living learning community. Bacon, D. & Saffran, J. (in prep). The role of speaker gender in infant lexical processing.	
Contributed Conference Abstracts	<i>Talks</i> Bacon, D. , Wagner, K., & Barner, D. (August 2016). First Color Word Learning in Toddlers. Talk presented at the UC San Diego Summer Research Conference. University of California – San Diego, La Jolla, CA. <i>Posters</i> Zettersten, M., Black, A., Bergmann, C., Bacon, D. , Weaver, H., & Saffran, J. (October 2020). Investigating the relationship between infant learning and measured effect size in preferential looking paradigms. Poster presented at the Many Paths to Language (MPaL). Virtual workshop. Zettersten, M., Black, A., Bergmann, C., Bacon, D. , Weaver, H., & Saffran, J. (2020). Investigating the relationship between infant learning and measured effect size in preferential looking paradigms. Poster presented at the Biennial International Congress of Infant Studies (vICIS). Virtual conference. Bacon, D. , & Saffran, J.R. (July 2020). The role of speaker gender in infant lexical processing. Poster presented at The International Congress for Infant Studies Biennial Congress. Virtual Conference (vICIS). Bacon, D. , Bulgarelli, F., Benitez, V., Byers-Heinlien, K., Weiss, D., & Saffran, J. R. (July 2020). Social cues and statistical learning of multiple structures by infants. Poster presented at The International Congress for Infant Studies Biennial Congress, Virtual Conference (vICIS). Bacon, D. , Whalen, P., Malaret, S., & Graham, G. (April 2017). Preventing Hazing at UCF by Teaching Leadership, Ethics and Group Responsibility. Poster presented at the UCF Undergraduate Research Showcase. University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL. Szelwach, A., Bacon, D. , & Malaret, S. (April 2017). The Effects of High Impact Practices Integrated in a Leadership Living Learning Community. Poster	

presented at the UCF Undergraduate Research Showcase. University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.

Fellowships & Grants	2020-23 2019-24 2018-19 2017-18 2017 2016 2015-17 2015 2014-16	Morse Scholar National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Wisconsin Distinguished Graduate Fellowship University of Wisconsin-Madison Kemper Knapp University Fellowship University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Psychology Kenneth and Mamie Clark Award University of California, San Diego Summer Training Academy for Research Success McNair Scholar Clinton Global Initiative University Commitment to Action funding University of Central Florida LEAD Scholars Academy
Awards	2017 2016	Judges Choice, University of Central Florida Undergraduate Research Showcase Travel Award, National Diversity in STEM Conference, Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science
Teaching Experience		<p><i>Guest Lectures</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Color word learning in toddlers (DEP 2004), Dr. Melonie Sexton, Valencia College, 2016 <p><i>Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin – Madison</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Development (Psy 460), Spring 2020 <p><i>Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, University of Central Florida</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundations of Leadership, 2016
Mentoring & Outreach Experience	2020 2018 -present	<p><i>Mentorship</i></p> <p>Sophomore Research Fellow mentor, a UW program to provide sophomores with funding for independent research experience Student: Paige Bruggink</p> <p>UW-Health Health Occupations and Professions Exploration (HOPE) Program, a program pairing local underrepresented high school students with college mentors</p> <p><i>Outreach</i></p> <p>2018 Presenter, Women Doing Science! Girls World Expo, Madison, WI</p> <p>2018 Presenter, Meet Graduate Women in Science. Wisconsin Science Festival</p>
Service		<p><i>Departmental Service</i></p> <p>2020-21 Graduate Student Representative for Faculty 2019-21 Web and Graphics Designer, Psychology Colloquium Series Committee, UW- Madison 2017-23 Member, Psychology Colloquium Series Committee, UW-Madison</p> <p><i>University Service</i></p> <p>2017-23 UW-Madison McNair Scholars Program, Grad Panel Volunteer 2018-19 UW-Madison Black History Month Planning Committee –</p>

Committee Member

Service to the Field

2017-present Organizing Committee for the Symposium on Research in Child Language Disorders (SRCLD)

Professional Memberships

American Psychological Association
Cognitive Science Society
International Congress of Infant Studies
Graduate Women in Science
Society for Research in Child Development

Additional Research Experience

2016-17 Undergraduate Research Assistant, Higher Education and Policy Studies, University of Central Florida (PIs: Stacey Malaret & Gernayne Grahmn)

2016 Undergraduate Research Assistant, Language and Development Lab, (PI: David Barner)

2015 Summer Research Academy, University of Central Florida